



Proclamation

WHEREAS, each September, our Salt Lake County community comes together to find common ground with our neighbors, celebrate our different cultures and perspectives, and build a stronger and more resilient Salt Lake County; and

WHEREAS, Welcoming Week is an opportunity for residents, community partners, businesses, faith leaders, educators, and local governments to reflect on the values that unite us and the shared responsibility we have to create a community where everyone can participate and thrive; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County is strengthened by the contributions of people from many backgrounds, cultures, and countries, whose talents, work, leadership, and community involvement help shape the future of our region; and

WHEREAS, new residents strengthen our community. They bring new ideas, start businesses, create jobs, share skills, volunteer in our neighborhoods, and add to the diversity that makes Salt Lake County a vibrant place to live and work; and

WHEREAS, immigrants, refugees, and newcomers enrich the cultural, civic, and economic life of Salt Lake County, and their success contributes to the success of the entire community; and

WHEREAS, a welcoming community encourages trust, connection, and civic participation, and helps ensure that all residents have the opportunity to learn, contribute, and belong; and

WHEREAS, this week gives us a chance to pause, share stories, build relationships, and plan our next steps in welcoming all residents. Welcoming is part of who we are, and Salt Lake County will keep choosing connection and community year-round; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County values the partnerships that make this work possible, including the many organizations and community members who help connect residents to resources, information, and opportunities that support a strong and successful community; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 Salt Lake County was recognized as the nation's first Certified Welcoming County by Welcoming America; and

NOW, let us come together to build a community where every resident has the chance to contribute and succeed. Let us reaffirm that Salt Lake County stands for opportunity and belonging for all who call it home.

THEREFORE, I, Cherie Wood, Mayor of the City of South Salt Lake, along with Mayors throughout Salt Lake County, do hereby proclaim the week of September 10 through 19, 2026, Welcoming Week. We call upon the people of Salt Lake County to join together as we continue building a stronger community.

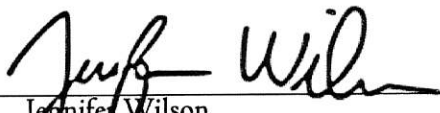
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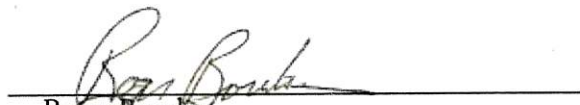
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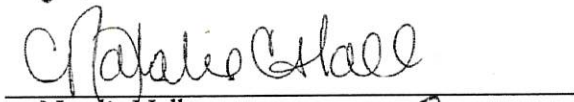
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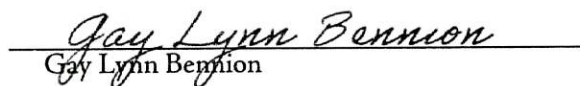


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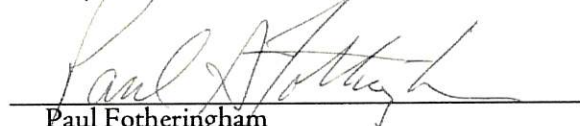

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Mayor of Salt Lake County

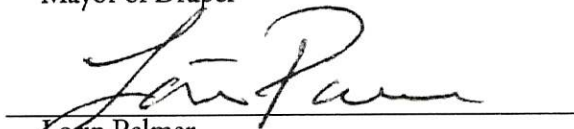

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Mayor of Alta

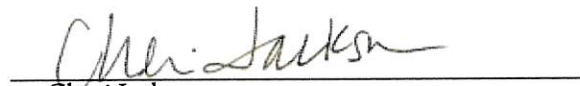

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Mayor of Bluffdale

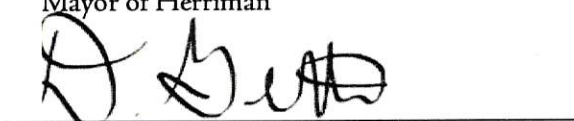

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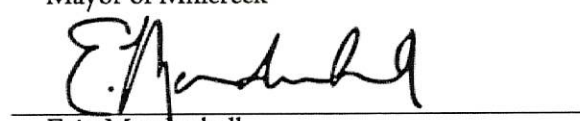

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Mayor of Draper


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Mayor of Holladay

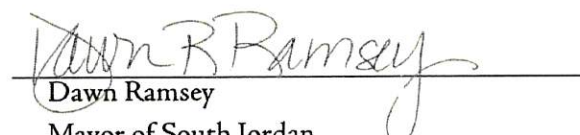

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Mayor of Millcreek

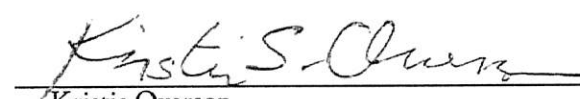

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Mayor of Midvale

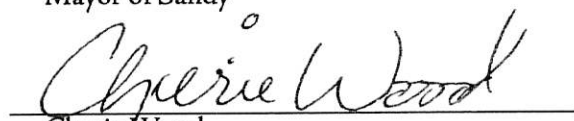

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Mayor of Salt Lake City

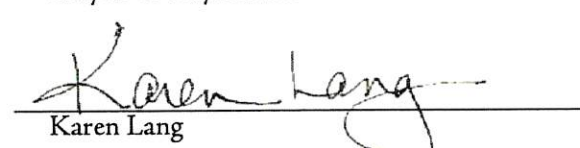

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Mayor of Murray


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Mayor of Taylorsville


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